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**Subject:** RE: Reporter inquiry - Deadline today - Capital News Service - so regional press

I'm working through many, many unread emails right now. But it's my understanding that this is correct. There are a number of regulations for above ground storage tanks, but if it doesn't fall into one of these categories, it's not regulated:

- Storage tanks containing hazardous waste are covered under RCRA.
- The Pesticides Container and Containment rule sets standards to ensure that pesticide containers are strong and durable and establishes standards for secondary containment structures at certain bulk storage sites and for containment pads at certain pesticide dispensing operations. The purpose of these standards for secondary containment is to protect the environment from leaks and spills at bulk storage areas and from contamination due to pesticide dispensing operations.  
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/containers.htm>
- Multiple EPA regulations set air emission standards for above ground storage tanks containing a range of materials, such as oil, chemicals and solvents. These regulations for storage tanks limit air emissions by setting standards for both air toxics and volatile organic compounds VOCs.
- Air toxics standards are typically set based on the industry sector, using National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. One example for above ground storage tanks is the NESHAP for Organic Liquids Distribution.
- Standards regulating VOC emissions are commonly set based on the pollutant emitted or the material being stored, using New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). An example NSPS for above ground storage tanks is the Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids rule. Another is the NSPS performance standards for tanks used in oil and natural gas production.

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Since the reporter is writing about a Senate Hearing I wanted to touch base with all of you.

My understanding is - the short answer is - Yes, that's correct. Any additional information I should include with the response?

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Bonnie

Reporter call.

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She was attending a senate hearing on the W.Va. chemical spill. Someone answered that there is no way of knowing how many above ground storage tanks are near waterbodies. She wants to know if this is correct.

She's on deadline today.

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